

THE WITCHES' SONG.

I Have been all day looking after
A Raven feeding upon a quarter;
And as soon as she turned her beak to the south
I snatch'd the morsel out of her mouth,

2 Witch.

I have been gathering wolves hairs,
The mad Dog's foam, and adder's ears:
The spurning of a dead man's eyes,
And all since the evening star did rise,

3 Witcha.

I last night lay all alone
On the ground, to hear the mandrake grone?
And pluck him up tho' he grew full low:
And as I had done the cock did crow.

4 Witch.

And I ha' been chusing out this scull,
From charnel houses that were full;
From private grots, and public pits,
And frighted sexton out of his wits,

5 Witch.

Under a cradle I did creep,
By day: and, when the child was asleep
At night, I suck'd the breath, and rose
And pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose

6 Witch.

I had a bagger, what did I with that?
Killed an infant to have his fat,
A piper it got at a church aile,
I bad him again blow wind i' the tail.

7 Witch.

A murderer yonder was hung in chains,
The sun and the wind had shrunk his veins,
I bit off a sinew; I clip't his hair;
I brought off his rags that danc'd i' the air.

8 Witch.

The scritch owls eggs and feathers black,
The blood of the brog, and the bone in the back
I have been a getting; and made of the skin
purset to keep fir cranion in,

9 Witch.

And I ha' been plucking (plants among)
Hemlock, henbane, adders tongue,
Nightshade, moon wart, libbard's bane
And twice by dogs was like to be tane.

10 Witch.

I from the jaws of gardner's bitch,
Did snatch these bones, and then leap'd the
Yet went I back to the house again, (ditch
Kill'd the black cat and there is the brain.

11 Witch.

went to the toad, breeds under the well
I charmed him out, and he came at my call,
I scrach'd out the eyes of the owl before
I tore the batt's wing: what would you have

Dame.

more;

Yes; I have brought to help your lows,
Horned puppie cyprus boughs,
The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs,
And justice, that from the yach trees comes
The basilisks blood, and the viper's skin
And now, our orgies let's begin.

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